### Dear Parents,

This half term our topic is all about World War II. We will look at the circumstances that began WWII, what happened in Europe, the Blitz and the impact it had on the North East. Within science we will be learning about light. Alongside this we will be looking at vector drawing in computing, designing and making an air raid siren in DT and speaking about WWII in French.

Mrs Timmins and Miss Davies

#### Our recommended read:

This half term 'Until the Road Ends' will be available at the library or in school for you to borrow and share at home.



What is the **home front**?



Who were the Allies?

How bad was The Blitz?

What sort of air raid shelters were there?

# Things to remember:

Tuesday - PE day and forest school (Y5)

Thursday - Reading books changed and PE day (Y5)

Friday- Spelling test and library day. PE day (Y6)

## Autumn 2



**Winston Churchill** 

Britain's Prime Minister

during most of World War

Two.

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### **Rationing**

Limiting how much food and other goods people could buy, so everyone got a fair share.



### **Evacuation**

When children and others were moved from cities to the countryside to stay safe from bombing

## **Useful words**

Air raid shelter – A Safe place people went to during bomb attacks.

Allies – The countries that fought together against Germany, Italy and Japan.

**Axis** – The countries that fought against the Allies.

**Blackout** – Covering windows at night so enemy planes couldn't see the light from the ground.

**Blitz**– The bombing of British cities by Germany, between 1940 and 1941.

Home Front – the people and activities in Britain that helped the war effort even though they weren't fighting.

**Propaganda** – Posters, films and messages used to encourage people to support the war.

**Spitfire** – A famous British fighter plane used during the Battle of Britain.

**VE Day** – 'Victory in Europe Day' when the war ended in Europe on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945

**VJ Day** – 'Victory over Japan Day' when WW2 finally ended after Japan surrendered on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945